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## **By Federal Express**

Ms. Marlene Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission The Portals 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 01-337

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On 10 October 2002, Mr. David Steward, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of World Wide Technology, Inc. spoke with Commissioner Michael Powell. The conversation was established to discuss the telecommunications industry in general, with particular emphasis on the regulation of broadband services. Mr. Steward expressed his concern on how the severe downturn in capital expenditures by the major service providers **like** SBC and Verizon has greatly affected World Wide Technology. Mr. Steward discussed how he would encourage the Commission to act this year to resolve the outstanding rulemaking proceedings to develop a cohesive broadband policy that does not create disincentives (such as unworkable access and pricing) for investment in new broadband technologies.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please do not hesitate to contact me at 314-919-1485. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Patricia DeSoto-Carr Executive Assistant to: David L. Steward Chairman and Chief Executive Officer World Wide Technology, Inc.

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